## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

## SECOND AMENDED GENERAL ORDER NO. 11-2

## REGARDING DISCLOSURE OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN DEBTORS AND THEIR ATTORNEYS IN CASES UNDER ALL CHAPTERS AND

## REGARDING COMPENSATION OF DEBTOR'S COUNSEL IN CHAPTER 13 CASES

Effective	September	21,	2011

The following requirements are imposed pending approval of Local Bankruptcy Rules by the District Court.

- 1. IT IS ORDERED that every agreement between a debtor and an attorney for the debtor in a case under ANY CHAPTER of the Bankruptcy Code that pertains, directly or indirectly, to the compensation paid or given, or to be paid or given, to or for the benefit of the attorney must be in the form of a written document signed by the debtor and the attorney. Agreements subject to this rule include, but are not limited to, the Court-Approved Retention Agreement as posted on the court's website, other fee or expense agreements, wage assignments, and security agreements of all kinds. Each such agreement must be attached to the statement that must be filed under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2016(b) in all bankruptcy cases. Any agreement entered into after the filing of the statement under Rule 2016(b) must be filed as a supplement to that statement within 14 days of the date the agreement is entered into.
- 2. IT IS ORDERED that in Chapter 13 cases all requests for awards of compensation to debtor's counsel cases must include a certification that the disclosures required by paragraph 1 of this order have been made.

3. IT IS ORDERED that Flat Fees, as defined in Rule 5082-2, in Chapter 13 cases will not be awarded if, in addition to the Court-Approved Retention Agreement, the debtor and an attorney for the debtor have entered into any other agreement in connection with the representation of the debtor in preparation for, during, or involving a Chapter 13 case, and the agreement provides for the attorney to receive (a) any kind of compensation, reimbursement, or other payment, or (b) any form of, or security for, compensation, reimbursement, or other

These requirements are effective for all cases filed after September 21, 2011.

payment that varies from the Court-Approved Retention Agreement.

Date: September 21, 2011

ENTERED:

Bruce W. Black Chief Judge